A.F. DOBLER HOSE & LADDER CO.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Serve your neighbors. Find your place on the team.

- We welcome applicants age 14 and older. You do not need prior fire or EMS experience.
- Choose the membership category and roles that fit you. Junior members ages 14–17 take part in supervised activities; members ages 14–15 do not respond to emergency calls.
- Applicants will be asked to interview with the Fire Chief, a chief officer, or the Company President. Annual dues are $2. There is no application fee.

A PLACE FOR EVERY KIND OF SERVICE

Fire • EMS • Rescue • Fire Police • Allied • Social • Department Support

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Please return the completed application to the station or contact us with questions.

Applicant Information

1. ABOUT YOU

Complete the fields that apply. An asterisk marks information needed to review your application.

Legal first name

Middle name

Legal last name

Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Preferred name (if different)

Home street address

City

State / ZIP

Phone

Email

How long have you lived at this address?

2. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

☐ Active ☐ Probationary ☐ Junior (ages 14–17) ☐ Allied ☐ Social

The general residency guideline is within 10 road miles of the firehouse. If you are outside that area or unsure, contact the department to discuss eligibility.

3. PARENT / GUARDIAN (REQUIRED FOR APPLICANTS UNDER 18)

Parent / guardian name

Relationship

Parent / guardian phone

Email

4. EMERGENCY CONTACT

Provide someone the department may contact if you are hurt or become ill during a department activity.

Emergency contact name

Relationship

Primary phone

Alternate phone

5. DRIVER QUALIFICATIONS

☐ Current valid PA driver license ☐ No current driver license

License state

Class (if known)

Bring copies of both clearance results and a copy of a photo ID or driver license. Adults must provide a photo ID or driver license. Juniors may use working papers as ID only if they have neither. All Juniors (14–17) must bring their school-issued work permit regardless of ID. Do not enter your driver license number on this form. Driving-record checks may be requested for vehicle operators.

Interests & Background

6. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

Select all areas that interest you. Final assignment and training depend on department needs and applicable qualifications.

☐ Firefighter ☐ EMS ☐ Rescue ☐ Fire Police

☐ Fundraising ☐ Administrative ☐ Logistics / support ☐ Other

If other, please describe

What days / times are generally available?

Current employer / school (optional)

7. EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS

List relevant fire, EMS, rescue, fire police, medical, driving, or other experience. Include certifications you currently hold and expiration dates when known.

Experience and certifications

Training or certifications you would like to pursue

Why would you like to join Dobler, and what would you like to contribute?

Affiliation & Clearances

8. PREVIOUS OR CURRENT FIRE / EMS MEMBERSHIP

☐ No previous membership ☐ Current / former membership

Department(s) and dates of service, if applicable

Chief / department contact name

Contact phone or email

If applying for full membership after belonging to another department, provide written confirmation that you are no longer a voting member there. Allied applicants must provide approval from their home Chief or equivalent to affiliate with Dobler; Dobler Chief approval is also required.

☐ I will provide the applicable prior-department confirmation or Allied approval.

9. REFERENCES

List three personal or professional references who are not related to you. Please tell them we may contact them.

Reference 1 name

Relationship / years known

Phone

Email

Reference 2 name

Relationship / years known

Phone

Email

Reference 3 name

Relationship / years known

Phone

Email

Review & Sign

10. PENNSYLVANIA CLEARANCES

All applicants, regardless of membership category, must complete both Pennsylvania clearances below and bring copies of both clearance results with the application. Bring a copy of a photo ID or driver license. Adults must provide a photo ID or driver license. Juniors may use working papers as ID only if they have neither. All Juniors (14–17) must bring their school-issued work permit regardless of ID. Additional clearances may be requested if required.
Complete these through the official Commonwealth systems. Do not write your Social Security number or full driver license number on this application.
Official volunteer criminal record check: https://epatch.pa.gov
Official Child Abuse History Certification: https://www.compass.dhs.pa.gov/cwis/public/home

11. APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- ☐ I am at least 14 years old and the information I provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- ☐ I understand an interview with the Fire Chief, a chief officer, or Company President is part of the process.
- ☐ I understand annual membership dues are $2 and there is no application fee.
- ☐ I understand a six-month probationary period applies to active firefighter membership only; other categories are handled according to their role and department policy.
- ☐ I understand training expenses are decided case by case. The department normally covers approved costs; any repayment terms will be in a separate agreement for the specific course.
- ☐ I understand applicants ages 14–15 do not respond to emergency calls. Junior participation is supervised and subject to department policy.
- ☐ I authorize the department to contact my listed references and, if applicable, prior fire / EMS department to verify information I provided.
- ☐ I understand every applicant must complete both Pennsylvania clearances and bring copies of the results and a copy of a photo ID or driver license. Juniors may use working papers as ID only if they have neither; all Juniors (14–17) must bring their school-issued work permit regardless of ID. Additional checks may apply.
- ☐ If accepted, I agree to follow department policies and return department equipment issued to me when requested or when my membership ends.

12. APPLICANT SIGNATURE

My signature confirms that I have reviewed the statements above. Sensitive clearance details are provided only through official or approved secure processes.

Applicant signature

Printed name **Date**

13. PARENT / GUARDIAN CONSENT (REQUIRED IF APPLICANT IS UNDER 18)

I am the applicant’s parent or legal guardian. I consent to the application and understand that junior participation is supervised and subject to department policy.

Parent / guardian signature

Printed name **Date**

DEPARTMENT PROCESS

After submission, the department will review the application, arrange an interview with the Fire Chief, a chief officer, or the Company President, and explain any role-required checks and next steps. Submission does not guarantee membership.